



16th Special Operations Wing

Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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## Wing commander discusses first 30 days in command

by 2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss  
Public Affairs

After more than a month observing, the 16th Special Operations Wing Commander, Col. Lyle Koenig, said he's going to keep the wing moving in the same successful direction, making changes only to enhance the speed, precision and reliability it already has.



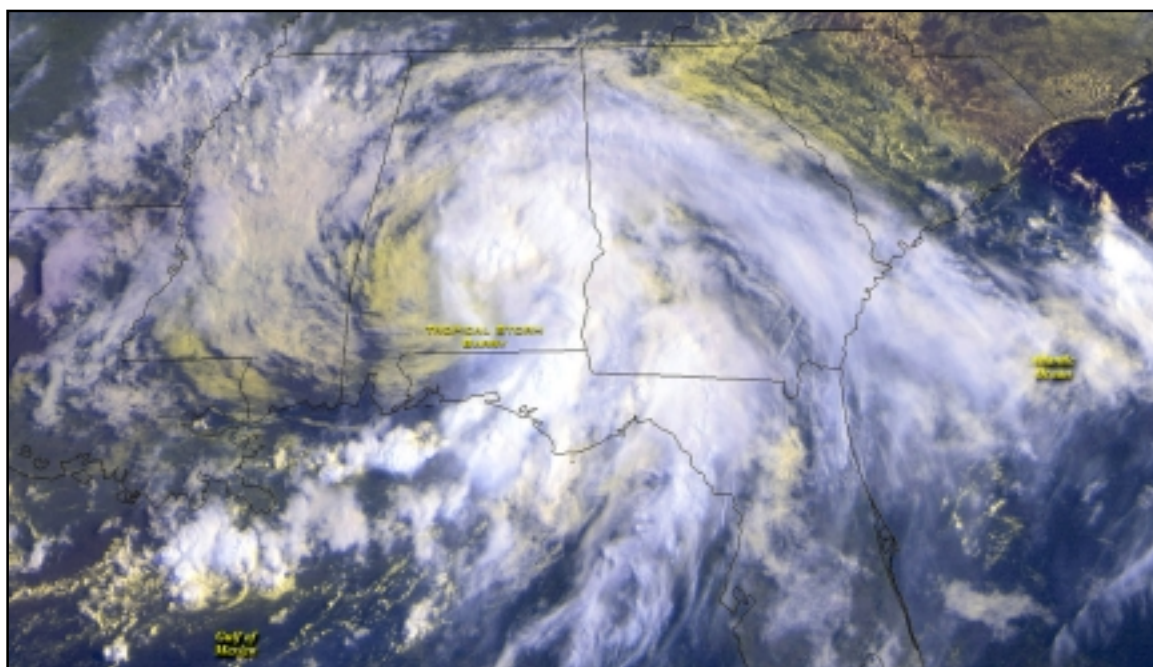
**Col. Lyle Koenig**

"I'll add my personal touches to what the wing is already doing and to the success we've already experienced," he said "but we're not changing direction, commitment or focus. We'll continue to provide worldwide precision combat support that this wing is so well known for."

Colonel Koenig served as the 16th Operations Group commander from 1998 to 2000. During that time, he became familiar with the wing and the mission but said his first month as wing commander has added a much wider perspective.

"As the ops group commander, I knew the caliber of the people we were so fortunate to have, and I was familiar with the mission," he said. "I knew what a quality installation Hurlburt Field was, but being commander for just 30 days has cemented my belief that it's the men and women of the SOW who are solely responsible for making this organization so incredibly effective."

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Courtesy of NOAA

## Tropical Storm Barry

Sunday and Monday, Tropical Storm Barry skirted Hurlburt Field with maximum winds of 42 knots. No major damage was done to the base. See Page 14 for complete coverage.

# Hurlburt Field honors quarter's top performers

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson  
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field honored the April through June quarterly award winners during two separate ceremonies held at The Soundside. Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, presented awards to enlisted recipients during a breakfast July 26. The com-

mander presented awards to the company grade officer and civilians at a luncheon, Aug. 3. Ceremonies, held each quarter, recognize outstanding accomplishments of base members.

## Company Grade Officer

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## Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

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Cols. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, and Raymond Killgore, 16th SOW vice commander, watch a weather briefing during a Battle Staff Monday to determine when to redeploy wing aircraft after Tropical Storm Barry.

## Marina parking

**Comment:** I'm a disabled veteran and during a recent visit to the Hurlburt Field Marina I had trouble finding a handicapped parking space.

Unauthorized vehicles occupied the two handicapped spaces.

It's an easy mistake because the blue line marking the spots are pretty much faded away. I was wondering if we could

have those spaces repainted and repainted so that they're identified for the handicapped.

**Reply:** Thank you for identifying this problem. The pavement markings for the handicapped parking were difficult to read and have now been repainted.

If people notice unauthorized parking in handicapped spots, they should contact the 16th Security Forces Squadron at 884-6666.

## Shopping cart parking

**Comment:** I was at the commissary recently and noticed where a shopping cart in the parking lot had hit a parked car. I questioned the store supervisor as to why there aren't places to park the carts in the lot. He told me the carts aren't supposed to be in the parking lot because it tears up the cart wheels and it was becoming too expensive to fix them. I don't understand why the Eglin Commissary has a place to park shopping carts in their lot and we don't have one in ours.

**Reply:** As you know, the commissary shopping carts are designed for use on smooth surfaces found indoors and using them outdoors contributes to increasing maintenance costs to repair the wheels. In an effort to take care of the equipment, the commissary manager discourages shoppers from taking the carts to the lots and encourages using the carry out service available. You have a good idea, however, and I will research cart corral funding in the near future. Thanks for the suggestion and if you have any further questions, please contact Store Director Margaret Stanley at 881-2142.

# Hurlburt Field Honor Guard – duty, honor, country personified

by Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea  
16th Special Operations Wing  
command chief master sergeant

It was a hot, humid Saturday morning. The gnats were chasing the sweat streaming down my face as I stood rigid, my arms gently cradling Old Glory on my chest. In front of me lay a warrior ready for his final resting place. Family and friends sobbed quietly as Lee Greenwood's song *Proud To Be An American* played softly in the background. Intense feelings of duty, honor, country washed over me. Those feelings and Mr. Greenwood's lyrics transported me to another time and place.

Seventeen years earlier, I had performed a similar ceremony as a member of the Griffiss Air Force Base Honor Guard. It was cold and dreary in that upstate New York cemetery and after we paid our respects to that fallen veteran, the family came over and thanked us for making their loved one's funeral so special. I felt immense pride and a sense of purpose. In their eyes, we were the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. government. What a huge responsibility to bear, but we always performed flawlessly – not for the U.S. Air Force nor us but for the families and friends that perpetually

gathered at memorials, retirements and other events.

The playing of Taps brought me back to the solemn ceremony at hand. It was time to present the flag to the next of kin. I looked into the red, teary eyes of a military spouse, offered her the flag and said, "On behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Air Force and a grateful nation, we present you this flag in honor of your loved one's honorable and faithful service to his country. Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

**"As an American and a military member, there is no greater honor than to be entrusted with our nation's symbol."**

– Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea  
16th Special Operations Wing  
command chief master sergeant

successfully execute an honor guard program.

I'm extremely proud of the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard – my sincere thanks to each and every member for all they do everyday. Hurlburt Field Honor Guard – duty, honor, country personified.



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# NEWS

## 40-hour course prepares base for spill recovery

by Capt. Carol Kanode  
Public Affairs

Twenty-one Hurlburt Field airmen, most from the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron or 16th Component Repair Squadron, participated in emergency response team training for fuel spills July 30 through August 3.

Debbie Payne, a HAZMAT instructor and contractor with SorbTech, Louisville, Ky., taught the 40-hour course here, which focused on classroom instruction and field exercises, then concluded with a multiple choice written exam and a practical exam.

"We have three days of class, then the last two days are a field exercise where we can say, 'Now you've learned all this stuff — let's put it to a test.'"

She said the focus was on training students how to properly suit up, remediate a spill, decontaminate and debrief.

Students said they found the training extremely beneficial. "The first three days, we were getting a lot of book work thrown at us and we didn't know why. Now we understand why they were throwing all the systems knowledge at us," said student, Haskell Vest, a 16th CES, power production shop foreman, during the first day of the "hands on" training.

During the exercises, Mr. Vest was paired with Airman 1st Class Chrissy Gendreau, a self-proclaimed "dirt girl," or 16th CES heavy equipment operator. Their mission was to be the first reconnaissance team to get to the "spill" site and give an assessment of the site to the next team. Before them, another team had stepped

on a powdered chemical; it "exploded," and they "died."

The recon team gathered all the available information before being helped into their Level A fully encapsulating chemical suits, carefully searched, then found the spill site. They observed as much as they could about the spill — noting shape, size and outside markings on the containers. They took meter readings to determine the level of the airborne contamination and then went back and discussed strategy with the rest of the group. Up for discussion was how best to quarantine or dam off the area, how to determine what substances were in the containers and how to properly dispose of the containers in compliance with federal regulations — taking into account the direction of the wind and other factors. Once a plan was formulated, the instructors gave inputs and the plan changed. But the recon team's efforts were a success.

"We make a good team because this morning he was the incident commander, and I was the reference officer," Airman Gendreau said of the rotating roles.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Kristin Haley

Staff Sgt. Cleveland Shaw and Tech. Sgt. Ray McGee, 16th Supply Squadron, remove a barrel of "hazardous material" from the training contamination site.

"This morning the scenario wasn't as advanced as now. The incident commander is getting a lot more thrown at him."

Both Mr. Vest and Airman Gendreau will be part of the base's emergency spill response team. They could be called upon by members of the fire department to respond to a fuel spill at any time. On average per month, over one million gallons of fuel (JP-8 for aircraft and gasoline for vehicles) are delivered to the base.

"It's hotter than hell, but we love it," Mr. Vest, sweating from the 89-degree temperatures said after going through the decontamination process and while being helped to remove his Level A suit.

"You have to take this very seriously," Airman Gendreau began to explain. "Because lives depend on it," Mr. Vest finished.

Staff Sgt. Cyril Selfridge, 16th CRS fuel systems repair journeyman, had his own reasons for taking the class. "I want to protect the environment, and this is the cutting edge — to be able to go out and respond and do something about it. I want the environment to stay fresh," he said.

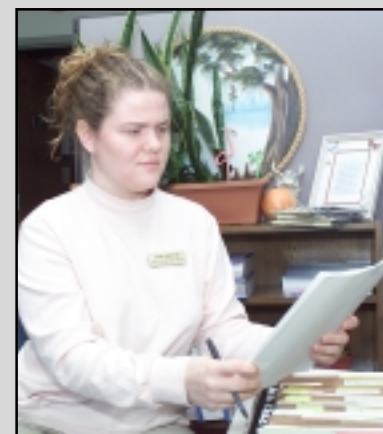
All 21 students passed their comprehensive written and applied exams. Nine will be added to the existing 17 members of the spill team; the others are associated with fuels in their jobs here.



Photo by Capt. Carol Kanode

Haskell Vest, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, adjusts a mask that supplies clean air even in a contaminated area prior to searching for a "HAZMAT spill."

## Spotlight on ...



**Julie Norton**

**Name:** Julie Norton

**Rank/Duty Title:** Summer hire/Office automation clerk

**Organization:** 16th Services Squadron

**Hometown:** Navarre, Fla.

**Family:** Father — Tech. Sgt. Ron Norton, 16th Operations Support Squadron; Mother — Sherry Norton

**Hobbies:** Pottery, cooking, science, math and art

**Contribution to the mission:** Ms. Norton has contributed significantly as a team member of the 16th Services Squadron Accounting Office. Although assigned to the office since only June 4, she's learned to analyze documents to determine their mathematical correctness, reconcile and balance accounts and post transactions into the accounting system.

Because of her self motivation and willingness to learn, she's done far more than what was expected of her. She's been a tremendous help to her fellow co-workers, supporting the mission of the 16th Services Squadron and the Hurlburt Field community. Ms. Norton will be a senior at Navarre High School this fall. We wish her the best of luck and hope she'll join us again next summer.

*(Editor's note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers on base who do a great job. All supervisors are encouraged to use this recognition program. Call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information.)*



# AIR FORCE NEWS

## Re-enlistment bonus payment problem solved

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Airmen awaiting delayed payment of their selective re-enlistment bonuses should receive their money by the end of August.

A solution to the processing problem that temporarily prevented more than 700 airmen from receiving their bonus money has been identified after weeks of effort between people at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and Air Force Personnel Center, AFPC officials here said.

The problem affected people who, in the last three months, had decided to re-enlist within 30 days of their original date-of-separation. New officer accessions and anyone who recently returned from a break in active service were also affected.

“We understand people are counting on accurate pay, and we’re working hard to correct the problem,” said Master Sgt. Michael Whirlow, NCO in charge of personnel system operations and Defense Finance and Accounting Service liaison. “I can imagine how frustrating it is for them not to get paid what they expected. The folks at DFAS-Denver have been absolutely great, putting in the extra hours to help us fix this problem.”

Officials still encourage airmen to check their leave and earnings statements to make sure they are getting the correct pay and bonus.

“I wouldn’t advise anyone to spend the bonus money before it’s in their account or if it’s not the right amount,” Sergeant Whirlow said. (AFPN)



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

## General Jumper testifies for confirmation

**WASHINGTON** – Gen. John Jumper, currently Air Combat Command commander, testifies before members of the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill Aug. 1. General Jumper was nominated by the president to be the next Air Force chief of staff. (AFPN)

# Changes made to force protection programs

**WASHINGTON** – The word “THREATCON,” for terrorist threat condition, is fast becoming a thing of the past. As the military moves ahead, a force protection condition – or FPCON – is the wave of the future.

This change is effective immediately, said Maj. Melvin Allen, from Air Force Security Forces at the Pentagon.

Even though there’s been a name change, he said the condition levels – normal, alpha, bravo, charlie and delta – remain the same.

The Defense Department, however, is updating the associated protective measures, and these will be released to the field within the next few months.

The conditions are used to describe progressive levels of protective measures taken in response to terrorist threats to U.S. military facilities and people.

The USS Cole Commission recommended the name change to avoid confusion with the term Threat Level. That term is used to quantify the terrorist level of threat on a country-by-country basis. Threat level terms are low, moderate, significant and high.

The challenge will be educating people to recognize FPCON as they do THREATCON, Major Allen said.

“Installations routinely post their THREATCON status at entry control points and building entrances,” he said. “These will all be changed to read FPCON.”

Another change is the classification of the Antiterrorism Plan and FPCON measures. In the past, measures were generally for official use only, Major Allen said. Now, the policy requires the AT plan to be classified confidential, at a minimum, if it

contains a complete listing of site-specific AT measures linked to a FPCON.

To keep awareness at the forefront, level 1 antiterrorism awareness training is now an annual requirement for all active-duty military, regardless of duty station.

“Furthermore, level 1 training is also now required annually for all [Defense Department] personnel who are based overseas or eligible for overseas deployment,” Major Allen said. “Previously, training was only required within six months of deploying or [making a permanent change of station move] overseas.”

Later this month, Web-based level 1 training will be available. This will alleviate the need for training classes at installations, Major Allen said.

For more information on FPCONs or AT training, contact local installation antiterrorism officers. (AFPN)

## Look who’s talking: What’s the biggest mistake you made after joining the Air Force?



*“Laughing at people in basic training.”*

**Airman 1st Class Bobby Temple,**  
16th Communications Squadron



*“Not taking advantage of the available education opportunities early in my career.”*

**Senior Master Sgt. Michael Mack,**  
16th Special Operations Wing



*“That I didn’t stay overseas after leaving Osan, Japan.”*

**Senior Airman LaKeisha Woods,**  
605th Test Squadron



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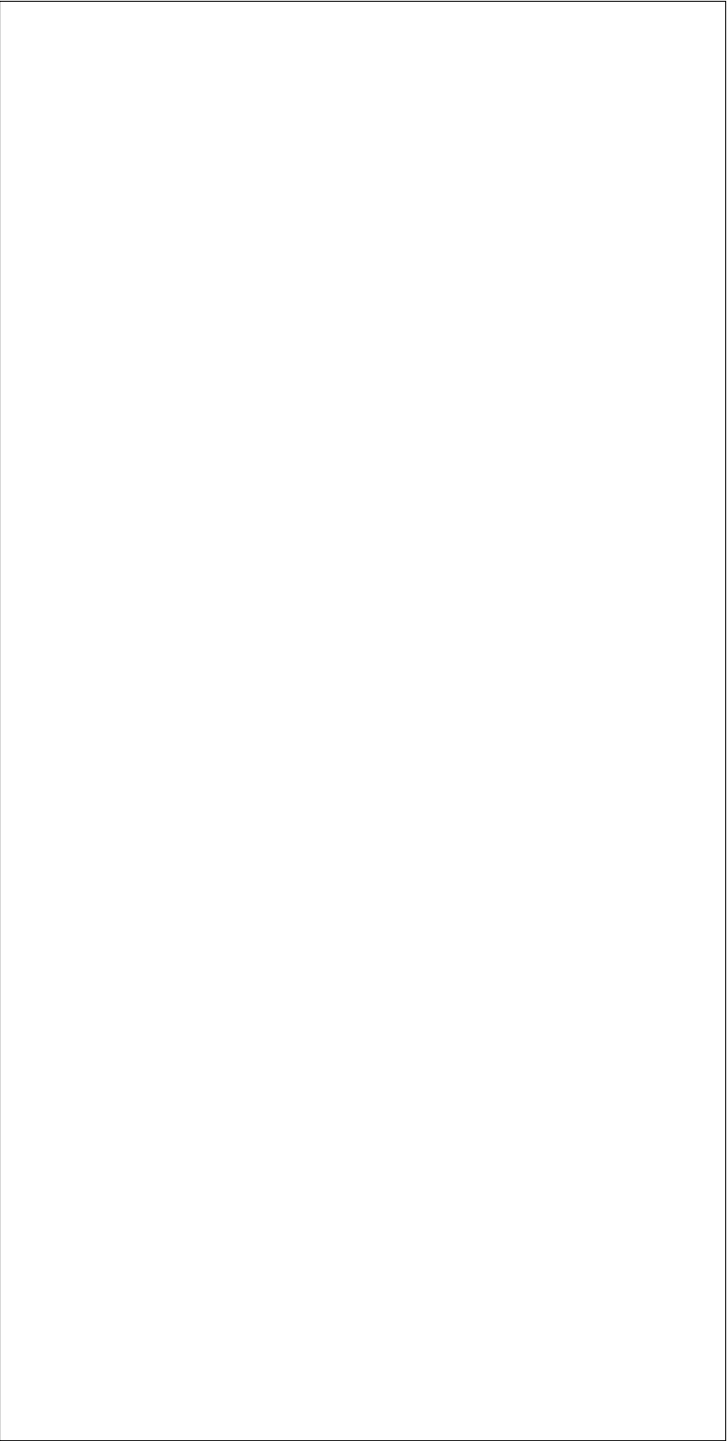
Taking over an already successful wing is a challenge, he said. “Improving a team of champions is a difficult task,” he said of the challenge of finding a way to impact the wing. “We’re properly organized and have an intense combat focus, so I’ll look for ways to refine what the wing has already accomplished and lead us to the next level of excellence.”

One thing Colonel Koenig brings to the wing is his hands-on approach to leadership.

“I feel comfortable interacting with everyone in the wing,” he said. “Because I’m motivated to be here and excited about what this wing can do, I can project that onto every person in the wing – whether it’s the O-6 senior leadership or the

most junior airman.” Part of Colonel Koenig’s enthusiasm comes from his love of the Special Operations mission, and he intends to pass on that enthusiasm as the wing commander.

“Special Operators share a common trait,” he said. “We all take a simple oath to serve others and to serve an institution more important than ourselves – our common goal in today’s world is to prevent the spread of destruction fostered by unstable elements. It’s both humbling and inspiring to realize that by doing our best in support of the [Air Force Special Operations Command] mission, we may directly prevent tragedies like the bombing of the USS Cole that killed 17 U.S. sailors.”



# Heat injury serious but preventable

The following guidelines are preventative measures against heat related injury:

- Wear loose-fitting clothes

- Drink plenty of water (small amounts frequently throughout the day)

- Avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages if engaged in strenuous activities

- Modify activity schedules to perform the heaviest work in the coolest parts of the day

- Be aware of heat injury symptoms and first aid for heat injuries

- Slowly acclimate yourself to the Florida heat (up to 30 days)

Excessive heat stress is dangerous and shouldn't be taken lightly, but we can protect ourselves if everyone plays his part.

Being able to recognize heat injury is one important factor in preventing serious illness.

The following are heat injuries, symptoms and first aid:

**Injury** – Heat Syncope (sing-kuh-pee)

**Symptoms** – Passing out in formation or while standing in the heat.

**First Aid** – Move to cool area. Recline. Drink cool water slowly. Recovery will be prompt and complete.

**Injury** – Heat Cramps

**Symptoms** – Muscle cramps from excessive salt loss in stomach, arms or legs.

**First Aid** – Move to cool area. Loosen clothing. Drink cool water slowly. Massage extremities. Contact medical facility.

**Injury** – Heat Exhaustion

**Symptoms** – Profuse sweating, headache, weakness and nausea. Skin cool and moist.

**First Aid** – Move to cool area. Elevate feet. Drink cool water slowly. Remove clothing and apply wet cloths. Evacuate to medical facility.

**Injury** – Heat Stroke

**Symptoms** – High body temperature. Skin hot and dry. Extreme weakness, confusion, or loss of consciousness.

**First Aid** – **This is a medical emergency.** Call for an ambulance and get them to an emergency room. Lower body temperature immediately. Immerse victim in cold ice water. If that's not possible, remove clothing, spray with cold water, and fan victim until help arrives.

For more information, refer to Hurlburt Field Instruction 48-106, *Heat Stress Prevention Program*, or contact the 16th Medical Group, Bioenvironmental Engineering, at 881-1822. (**Editors note:** Tips are courtesy of the 16th Medical Group)

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## Special OPERATORS

The following airmen received quarterly safety awards. The award recognizes exceptional duty performance and outstanding safety contributions to the wing mission:

### *Ground safety*

When a refueling adapter failed sending JP-8 fuel spraying, the following airmen quickly took control of the situation. Thinking quickly, they called for an immediate shutdown and closed the off-load valves to stop fuel from pouring out of the aircraft. When unable to contact an emergency vehicle, they flagged down a passing vehicle and directed them to contact the fire department.

Staff Sgts. **Jeffry Jefferies**  
and **Christopher Smith**  
Senior Airman  
**Brian Heineman**  
Airman 1st Class  
**Craig Swanson**

### *Flight safety*

The crew of MHIM-69 saved a distressed civilian pilot near Albuquerque, N.M. When the civilian aircraft pilot flew into clouds, lost altitude due to icing, couldn't read his instruments and flew too low for contact with civilian air traffic controllers, the crew of the C-130 set themselves as a radio relay between the controllers and the civilian pilot. The crew talked the panicked pilot through instrument flying necessary to read the nearest airport.

Cpts. **Jason Towns**  
and **Jimmy Mott**  
1st Lt. **James Brown**  
Tech. Sgt.  
**Daryl Cesal Jr.**  
Staff Sgt.  
**Leo Saunders III**



Courtesy photo

Army Rangers file into an MC-130H Combat Talon II, from the 15th Special Operations Squadron, before the annual Ranger Rendezvous in July.

# Talon squadron drops Rangers on time, on target

by **Capt. Joe Howard**  
*15th Special Operations Squadron*

A five-ship formation of Combat Talon IIs from the 15th Special Operations Squadron led 25 airplanes to drop more than 1,000 Army Rangers onto the Fryar Drop Zone, Fort Benning, Ga., July 22 during the annual Ranger Rendezvous.

Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Operations Group commander and Lt. Col. Frank Fields, 15th SOS operations officer, directed the 25-ship formation to a zero-second time over target.

When chutes settle 1,108 Rangers from the Fort Stewart and Fort Benning, Ga. and Fort Lewis, Wa., were safely on the ground.

The accuracy of the drops reinforced Air Force Special Operations Command's reputation for putting people "on time and on target" to the 75th Ranger Regiment Commander, who said he was extremely pleased with the mass airdrop.

The air package was comprised of 14 C-130s, 9 C-17s and 2 C-5s from nine squadrons and three Air Force major commands.

Contributing from the 16th Special Operations Wing were Combat Talon Is from the 8th and

711th SOS, Duke Field; Combat Shadows from the 5th and 9th SOS, Eglin Air Force Base; and Combat Talon IIs from Hurlburt Field.

"This was a great day for the Air Force and a great day for the Rangers," said Lt. Col. Steve Kavookjian, 75th Ranger theater airlift liaison officer, observing the drop from a nearby control tower. "Best of all was watching the canopies open on time, over the drop zone."

"This was a great opportunity in my eyes to build the rapport necessary in any joint operation," said Lt. Col. David Sammons 15th SOS commander, who flew as a primary crewmember. "I'm positive our Army brethren have the utmost confidence in my aircrew, and I assure them the feeling is mutual!"

Each plane accomplished two passes over the field dropping between 50 and 55 Rangers. "It was a pretty awesome sight to see that many chutes in the sky at one time," said Capt. T.J. McDonald, 15th SOS pilot.

With so many bodies converging on one field, there was risk; however, no serious injuries were reported. Aircrew and jumpers look forward to future operations together, they said.



# Quality Assurance ensures top notch work

by Staff Sgt.  
**André Nicholson**  
*Public Affairs*

Throughout the Air Force, inspectors are given the task of evaluating, correcting and instructing people on how to carry out their daily functions.

The 16th Logistics Support Squadron's Quality Assurance office is no different. The shop is where inspectors for the MH-53J/M Pave Low and C-130 aircraft are located.

To become a quality assurance inspector, you must be willing to accept the job as a three year assignment, have extensive job knowledge and be willing to have your records reviewed, said Staff Sgt. Glenn Meakin, crew chief and MH-53 Pave Low QA inspector.

As an inspector, he evaluates people on the tasks they perform by using technical data and ensuring they do things safely and

by the book, he said.

Sergeant Meakin said, "A lot of the heavy work is done on night shift, such as replacing rotary blades, and some jobs can take a couple of hours." This gives him the chance to evaluate and inspect the maintainer's procedures.

The only electrical and environmental QA inspector on Hurlburt Field is Tech. Sgt. Kurt Allgood, who inspects all C-130 and MH-53 maintainers.

One of the many tasks that the QA in-



Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Kurt Allgood, 16th Logistics Support Squadron, inspects a circuit breaker panel on an AC-130U Gunship.

spectors train and evaluate the maintainers on is weight and balance procedures.

"All aircraft parts that weigh over five pounds need to be accounted for. Whether they're installed or removed from the aircraft," Sergeant Allgood explained. "Both C-130s and MH-

53s have this requirement. If, for example, a part that weighs 500 pounds is shown as removed from the back of the aircraft, but in fact it's installed, the flight crew, assuming the part is removed, thinks they have room

for an extra 500 pounds of cargo, and they may go ahead and load it. This makes the aircraft too heavy to take off, causing a potential hazard."

On top of the everyday evaluations that QA inspectors perform, Sergeant Meakin said they conduct other preventive measures also. The Golden Bolt program is an incentive program invented by the inspectors to increase awareness throughout the flightline to perform foreign objects of debris checks, or FOD checks as they're better known.

An inspector may place a bolt anywhere on the flightline and then wait to see if anyone finds it. As a safety measure, the inspector ensures the bolt is in their eye sight at all times. If someone conducts a FOD check and finds the bolt, they're rewarded with either a three day pass, free uniform cleaning or coupons from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.



## Look who’s new in pink & blue

### Girls

**Jaiana Sanae**, born June 7, to Senior Airman Edward Wright, 96th Transportation Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, and Airman 1st Class Shawana Johnson, 16th Supply Squadron.

**Breana Lynn**, born July 17, to Staff Sgt. James and Stacy Weaver, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron.

**Lauren Victoria**, born July 24, to Staff Sgt. Marcus and Lisa Millard, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron.

**Cassidy**, born July 25, to Staff Sgt. Tom and Shawna Butler, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

**Makenna Nichole**, born July 26, to Staff Sgt. Everett and Petrina Arnold III, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

### Boys

**Daniel Etheridge**, born July 19, to Lt. Col. Micah and Teresa Killion, Air Force Special Operations Command.

**Adam Walker**, born July 23, to Staff Sgt. Robert and Kim Bodick, 16th Security Forces Squadron.

## Bus safety critical to child safety

Twenty five million students ride on school buses during the school year. The Northwest Florida American Red Cross Chapter encourages families to discuss school bus safety procedures and to follow these safety tips. They can help prevent injury:

○ Line up facing the school bus door – not along the side of the school bus.

○ Don’t play in the street while waiting for the school bus.

○ Carry your belongings in a backpack or book bag.

○ Never reach under a school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen underneath.

○ After getting off the bus, move immediately onto the sidewalk or road shoulder, out of traffic

○ Wait for a signal from the bus driver before you cross the street. Walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so the bus driver can see you.

○ Never cross the street behind the school bus.

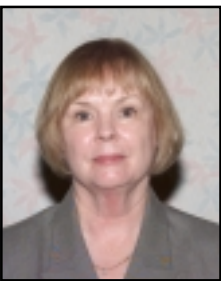
For additional information, contact the Hurlburt Field Red Cross office at 884-6107 or visit the Web site at [www.tallytown.com/redcross](http://www.tallytown.com/redcross). *(Editor’s note: Tips are courtesy of Red Cross)*



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**Robert Allman**



**Master Sgt.  
Mark Jiampetti**



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Stephen Jones**



**Tech. Sgt.  
Scott Strickland**



**Staff Sgt.  
Kenya Dillard**

**AWARDS**

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Wing, antiterrorism and force protection officer. Captain Cartier manages the wing force protection program and has developed a concept for a new wing vision for security and integrated three critical areas into the wing's antiterrorism and force protection program.

**Civilian GS 9-12**

Robert Phillips is the 16th Mission Support Squadron, chief of personnel readiness. Mr. Phillips personally selected and trained 10 Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team members recognized for performing superbly during the Operational Readiness Inspection Phase I. He set up and managed the plan flow, personnel processing and generation of deployment orders for more than 900 troops during ORI Phase I and more than 600 troops during Phase II.

**Civilian GS 1-8**

Shirley Clifton is the secretary for Air Force Special Operations, directorate of communications and information. Ms. Clifton coordinated eight videoconferences between Headquarters U.S. Air Force Communications and Information and the U.S. Special Operations Commander. She consistently maintained her director's calendar by cross checking with other events and calendars to spot conflicts early and reschedule them as needed. Her

efforts resulted in zero missed appointments out of more than 200.

**Wage Grade Civilian**

Robert Allman is a 16th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician. Mr. Allman worked with contractors to replace high pressure washers located in the aircraft wash rack and allowed daily operations of corrosion control to continue without interruptions. He eliminated a possible safety and security hazard to the dormitories and surrounding facility occupants by identifying and repairing a faulty parking lot lighting circuit.

**First Sergeant**

Master Sgt. Mark Jiampetti is the 16th Transportation Squadron's first sergeant. Sergeant Jiampetti worked with the squadron information management team to create a "hotline" Web site for airmen to voice concerns anonymously to the commander and first sergeant. He hosted meetings with the unit deployment manager and personnel manager to revise his unit's temporary duty assignment checklists and was able to combine three checklists into one effective management tool that decreased out-processing time by 50 percent.

**Senior NCO**

Master Sgt. Stephen Jones is the 4th Special Operations Squadron, NCO in charge of the operations flight and an aerial lead gunner. Sergeant Jones was recognized as an outstand-

ing performer during the Operational Readiness Inspection Phase II.

He researched and tracked more than 2,200 individual ground and flight currency items for 53 crewmembers in preparation for the ORI.

**NCO**

Tech. Sgt. Scott Strickland is the 16th Medical Operations Squadron NCO in charge of clinical operations.

Sergeant Strickland was recognized by the St. Louis University Hospital staff for his medical expertise.

He stabilized a patient with a broken neck and assisted the helicopter evacuation from a rural area.

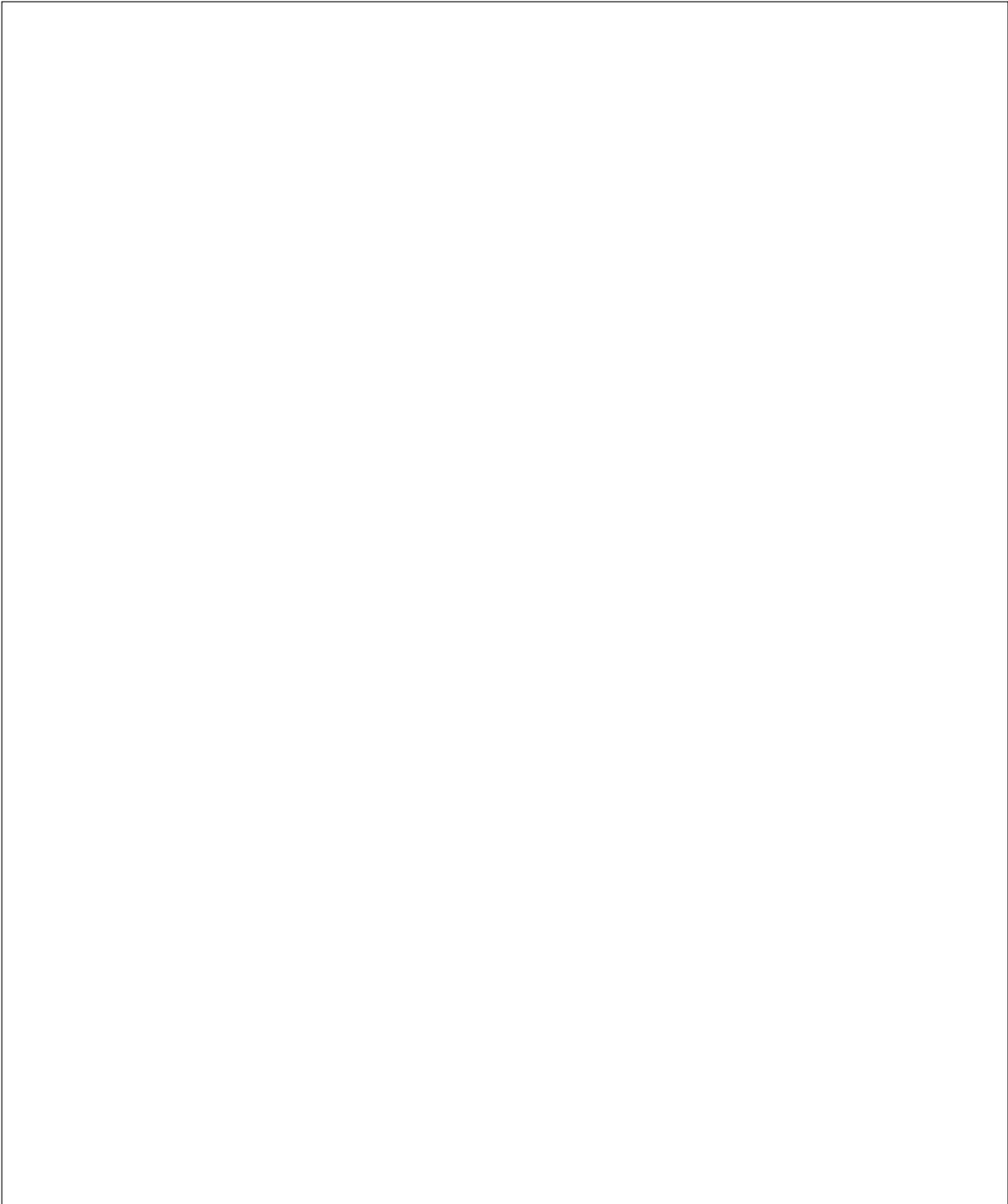
He helped calm a suicide patient and convinced the individual to seek intervention.

**Airman**

Staff Sgt. Kenya Dillard is a

Command and Control Warrior School technical visual aid journeyman.

Sergeant Dillard facilitated 960 hours of academic instruction despite a 25 percent reduction in personnel for the quarter. She prepared and monitored briefings of two and three dimensional images, charts and electronic media for four iterations of the three week Joint Aerospace Command and Control Course.





## Feature

# Tropical Storm Barry blows by base



First Lieutenant Grant Sharp, 4th Special Operations Squadron, carries his equipment after redeploying along with other 4th SOS members in the background.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Diane Thomas

**by Capt. Carol Kanode**  
*Public Affairs*

Tropical Storm Barry affected this region Sunday and Monday, but what may not be well known is the fact that the 16th Operations Support Squadron, weather flight, had their eye on a tropical wave, which was later named Barry, since July 27.

August 1 the weather flight briefed information about the tropical wave (that became a tropical depression the following day) at a wing staff meeting. Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, instructed the flight to continue monitoring the occurrence.

When the storm appeared to be worsening two days later, the base began preparing for the worst. Preparations included evacuation of the majority of fixed-wing aircraft and several helicopters to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and Asheville Municipal Airport, N.C., respectively.

Many units within the 16th Operations Group and 16th Logistics Group worked closely together to ensure

a safe and timely departure of aircraft. Within two hours all aircraft departed the flightline.

Once the planes and helicopters were either flown away or stowed in hangars, there was more work to be done. The transportation and services squadrons helped park government vehicles and boats inside buildings, while contractors began boarding windows of homes on the soundside. Formation of both the Survival Recovery Center and Battle Staff – two decision-making bodies during natural disasters or other disturbances – formed, ensuring every detail was tended to. From anchoring down aircraft in the Air Park and removal of posted American Flags and ground runway lights, to opening a hurricane shelter and planning for recovery procedures following the storm, check lists were marked off and coordination was carried out.

In the end, Tropical Storm Barry never made hurricane status. Hurlburt Field sustained 42-knot winds and .71 inches of rainfall (whereas nearby Eglin Air Force Base received winds of 55 knots and 3.7 inches of rain and Tyndall AFB calculated 7 inches of

rain), and there were no reports of storm damage. East base housing residents endured a six-hour power outage here Sunday night, but the transformer was fixed by Monday morning.

Colonel Koenig complimented the weather flight on their accurate and labor-intensive performance. "You did great. There's very few career fields

where you have to make predictions, then 12 hours later there's a test to see how accurate you were."

Later, Capt. Tim Dreifke, 16th OSS, weather flight commander admitted his flight worked hard. "Many of my folks volunteered to work extra shifts, and they'd come in on their days off and work. This is as big as it gets for a weather person. Everyone was excited about this," he said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry Deford

A contractor for the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares for the worst by hardening 24 homes on base.



Courtesy photo

AC-130 Gunships from here, pave the flightline at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

# Lifestyle

## Military

### TRICARE briefing

A TRICARE for life briefing will be held Wednesday at Eglin Air Force Base Theater. TRICARE for life acts as a second payer to medicare and TRICARE plus offers enrollment into a military treatment facility. Eligible TRICARE for life members include: medicare eligible retirees, (guard and reserve) medicare eligible family members, or survivors, (dependent parents and parents-in-law are not included) former spouse who was eligible for TRICARE before age 65 and previously eligible for medicare part A and enrolled in part B. For more information, call the TRICARE office at 881-2620.

### Freight yard closure

The traffic management office's surface freight yard located at building 90710 is closed through Sept. 14 for resurfacing. Due to the resurfacing there will be no access to the dock doors. People requiring surface freight service will have to enter through the supply side of the warehouse. Questions or concerns can be directed to 884-2585 or 7227.

## Community

### Traffic safety notice

The Cody Avenue and Independence Road traffic light will change soon to operate as a flashing red 4-way stop during after-hour operations (10 p.m. to 5 a.m.) and whenever the normal red and green switching operation fails (possibly during electrical storms).

### Food recall

Sargento Foods Incorporated is recalling eight ounce packages of Sargento Fancy Shredded Mozzarella with code dates Oct. 19, 2001 and Oct 20, 2001 and Sargento Six Cheese Italian Bread Shredded Cheese with code date Oct. 20, 2001. The recall is due to a potential for products to be contaminated with *Listeria Monocytogenes*. Instances of human illness related to this recall should be reported to Jeffery Mitchell at (215) 737-7746.

### Moms, Pops and Tots

This is an informal group meeting for moms, dads and their children to meet other parents and observe their children interacting with other children. Meetings are held at the family support center, Tuesdays for children two and younger and Wednesdays for children 2-4. For more information, call 884-5441.

### Munch and mend

Hurlburt Field Base Chapel presents "Munch and Mend" Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a free meal while having minor repairs done on one article of clean clothing or have stripes, patches or name tags sewn on. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 881-3344.

### Youth center hours

The covered basketball courts at the youth center are closed to adults during youth center hours of operation. Adults are welcome to use the facility before or after hours on days when the center is closed. The youth center is open Mondays through Thursdays 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and closed on Sundays. For more information, call Melanie Pulpaff at 884-3821.

### Summer family bash

An end of summer family bash will be held at J.R. Rockers Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. Children can participate in karaoke, balloon darting, gold fish ring toss and a special wild exhibit from the Gulf Breeze Zoo. Admission is free for all.

### Hispanic heritage committee

Everyone's invited to be a part of the 16th Special Operations Wing Hispanic Heritage Committee. Meetings are every other Tuesday in the military equal opportunity classroom, building 90210, room 244. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844.

### Foster parents needed

The Lakeview Center program is looking for dedicated people in Okaloosa and Walton counties to open their homes to children and adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Foster parents receive free training, extensive professional support and financial compensation. For more information, call 609-1151 extension 36.

### Officers' spouses' club

The Hurlburt Field Officers' Spouses' Club hosts its annual activities brunch for both current and new members at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at The Soundside. Representatives from various base organizations will be present.

Childcare will be available at the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center, the cost is \$3 per hour, per child or \$5 per hour for two or more children. Childcare reservations need to be made by Aug. 14. Brunch is \$8.25 and reservations need to be made by Aug. 16. To reserve a seat call, Pat Rogers at 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963.

### Bob Hope Village flea market

The annual Bob Hope Village Flea Market and Craft Bazaar is Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. The bazaar is open to the public and vendors are welcome. There will be craft items, furniture appliances and much more. The location is 30 Holly Ave., Shalimar. For more information, call Becky Brice-Nash at 651-2797.

### Ragtime

The arts center at Okaloosa-Walton Community College holds performances of the Tony Award winning Broadway musical "Ragtime". Performances are Sept. 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37.50. For more information and tickets, call the arts center box office at 729-6000 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



### Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)

#### Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday

#### Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise & worship),

1:15 a.m. (traditional),

2:30 p.m. (Gospel)

Youth and Single Groups available

#### Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of

each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

#### Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies



**Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.**

### Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

**Friday and Saturday** – (PG-13) "The Fast and Furious," starring Vin Diesel and Rosario Dawson. – Domenic is the leader of a street gang that race nitrous-charged street-cars. He is under suspicion of stealing expensive electronic equipment. An undercover police officer attempts to find the person responsible for stealing the equipment, and winds up falling for Domenic's younger sister.

**Sunday** – (PG-13) "Dr. Doolittle 2," starring Eddie Murphy and Raven Symone. – Dr. Doolittle's animal friends want more than office visits. They want to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Doolittle and company give the money hungry land grabbers a taste of real bargaining power wilderness style.

### Eglin (882-1066)

**Friday** – (PG-13) "Crazy Beautiful," starring Kirsten Dunst and Jay Hernandez. – She's an uptown girl who has everything but values nothing. He's a downtown boy with nothing but values. As powerful forces conspire to pull them apart, the young lovers must decide whether to run from their problems or make a stand and try to find common ground.

**Saturday** – (R) "Baby Boy," starring Tyrese Gibson and Omar Gooding. – 20 year old Jody, streetwise and jobless has fathered two children and still lives with his mother. He can't seem to strike a balance or find direction in his chaotic life. Inevitably, Jody must face his own fears of adulthood if he wants to escape the life of a baby boy.

**Sunday** – (R) "Memento," starring Guy Pearce and Carrie-Anne Moss. – Leonard is plagued by a rare type of short term memory loss that prevents him from remembering things for more than a few minutes, so he keeps notes for himself in the form of snapshot photographs and tattoos. But, he is on a quest to find and kill the man who raped and murdered his wife.

*(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)*

# LIFESTYLE

## Community

### Childcare for PCS

Childcare is provided in licensed family childcare homes on base and paid for by the Air Force Aid Society. This program provides 20 hours of free childcare for each child to be used within the first 30 days of arrival or the last 30 days prior to departure. Program is available to all ranks. For more information, call Janis Wood or Bernice Kellogg at 884-5441.

### Summer fun tickets

Tickets are available at the Hurlburt Field Information Ticket and Travel office for Big Kahunas, Six flags over Georgia, Jazzland, Blackwater Canoeing, Shipwreck Island at Panama City or Dollywood Tennessee. For more information, call ITT at 884-7848.

## Classes

### Intro to Spec Ops

The Introduction to Special Operations Course provides military and civilian members with a basic understanding of Special Operations Forces to include current command structures, available assets, general capabilities and historical case studies. The course is available to government people filling or programmed to fill positions requiring joint SOF operational knowledge. The course is Tuesday through Aug. 17. For more

information or to register, call your unit training manager or Joyce Weber at 884-4731.

### Weigh to go program

The Health and Wellness Center holds an upcoming weight loss program “5 + 5 is the weigh to go” program led by health professionals. The program focuses on how to plan healthful, delicious and economical meals, how to exercise properly, what foods to buy to help you lose body fat and several other helpful weight loss tips. The program meets every Wednesday beginning Aug. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited, sign up deadline is today. Call the HAWC at 884-4292 to sign up.

### Get F.I.T.T.

In an effort to prepare airmen for the new Air Force fitness standards, the fitness center offers a new Get Functional, Integrative, Torso and Training class, designed to help develop a strong, stable core by strengthening the muscles of the abdomen, back and chest. The class is free and offered every Monday and Wednesday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. For more information, call 884-6884.

## Sports

### Youth coach and instructor needed

The youth center is looking for soccer and flag football coaches and cheerleading instructors. Coaches must attend a coaches clinic Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the

Hurlburt Field Community Center. For more information, call 884-6355.

### Varsity basketball

Players interested in trying out for the men and women’s varsity basketball program can submit their names and numbers to the Hurlburt Field Fitness Center at 884-6949. Practice begins in this month.

### Golf tournament

Crestview and Baker High Schools are sponsoring a golf tournament Aug. 18 at Foxwood Country Club. Sign up begins at 8 a.m. and shotgun starts at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$50 per player and includes green fees, cart and lunch. For more information, call Dale Henderson at 537-9381, Bridget Renfroe at 683-5135 or Kim Freeman at 682-7827.

### Women’s professional football

Tryouts for the women’s professional football league are Aug. 18 and 19 at 10 a.m. at the Bill Gregory Softball Complex, W. Street and Navy Boulevard in Pensacola, behind National Linen Service. Cost is \$35 and participants must provide a valid drivers’ license, proof of health insurance or sign a waiver and be at least 18. For more information, call Maj. Tim Smart at 884-4030 or 934-7690.

### Bowling league

If interested in intramural bowling leagues, a letter of intent is due to the Hurlburt Lanes by Aug. 17. Team captains meet Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. and team members meet Aug. 29 at 3 p.m. Other leagues meet throughout August. All meetings are at Hurlburt Lanes. For more information, call 884-6355.



## Sports

# 'Shoes' fly high during tournament

by **Stephen Ashley**  
Teen Correspondent

Eight local horseshoe buffs competed in the first-ever horseshoe tournament at the Enlisted Hooch July 27.

When the tournament was over, and the dust settled, Mark Simmons, 8th Special Operations Squadron, and Mark Benoit, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron, emerged victorious. Second place went to Joe Thomas, 8th SOS and Stan Starr, 16th AGS.

Jeffery Rickert, the club's complex manager, and Bob Love, Air Force Special Operations Command, organized the competition. After getting requests for a horseshoe tournament and deciding to set it up, Rickert turned to Love for help.

"I went to Bob because he's my friend, and he knows about [horseshoes]," said Rickert.

Love knew the rules of the game, and made the horseshoe pits behind the hooch ready for play. He pounded the stake in the middle of the pit to hold steady and made sure the dirt was raked.

After all the players arrived, a tournament was set up. There were eight people total, to form four teams. They played double elimination, a best of three series. There are four pits that are permanently set up behind the hooch, and both were in use for the games. Even when the second round was going on and two teams were eliminated, a losers bracket was played.

Many of the players are very involved in horseshoes, or "shoes" as they call it. Most people just know of the sport, but don't realize that it's a very involved and serious sport. Some players have horseshoe pits built in their own backyard. J.T. Thomas, 8th SOS, owns his own set of shoes.

The game is set up so that there are two pits on each side, and teammates stand on opposite sides. One person from each team is on both sides. They try to throw their horseshoes to a stake in the pit at the opposite end. Three points are awarded for a horseshoe that is around the stake, a "ringer" as the players



Photos by Stephen Ashley



Although questionable, this horseshoe came close to being a ringer but missed its target in the pit by only inches. (top): Joe Thomas holds his throwing position while waiting with anticipation to see if the shoe hit its mark.

call it. One point is awarded if a horseshoe is touching the stake. The players play until one team has 21 and are thereby declared the winners of the game.

"It went well," said Rickert of the first tournament. "It was a fun event, and any other ideas are welcome. Hopefully, people can come out and participate."

The tournament was played entirely for fun, and there's a possibility for prizes in future tournaments.

"We want to strike up more interest," said Love.

Two more tournaments are scheduled, and more will follow. The scheduled tournaments are Aug. 17 and Sept. 7 at 3 p.m.

For more information about tournaments, contact Love at 884-4995 or Rickert at 884-7507.